

REMARKS


Claims 21-46 were pending in this application. The Examiner issued an Office Action dated August 23, 2004 indicating Claims 21-46 were subject to an restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Accordingly, the Applicants elect Invention Species IV (FIGS. 5A-C), with amended claims 26-30 and new claims 47-52 without traverse for prosecution. Claims 26-30 and 47-52 read upon the elected Species. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed toward non-elected inventions.

Please cancel Claims 21-25 and 31-46 without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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